GREENPORT, N. Y., Dec. 25 .- Four masked men stopped at Peter A. Hallenbeck's door last night and knocked. When he opened the door they shot him to death with revolvers. They shot him in the face and in the arms. When he turned to catch up the shotgun which stood behind the kitchen door, they shot him in the back. He fell and they fired into his body as it lay on the floor until their revolvers were empty. His wife stood on the threshold screaming with despair until her husband fell, and then, with his aged mpther, fled to the garret, from which, hours later, she crept to give the alarm. In Hudson jail to-night four young men are lodged charged with the murder of Peter Hallenbeck. The oldest of them is 23. The youngest is about 16. All of them are indirectly related to the man who was murdered. Three of them lived near the Hallenbeck place in Greenport until a few months ago. Then Hallenbeck, who had suffered much from their family and had been kind foreclosed a mortgage on the dotted for the received had upset in their flight up to the garret. In the kitchen Peter Hallenbeck lay just at they had upset in their flight up to the garret. In the kitchen Peter Hallenbeck lay just a they had upset in their flight up to the garret. In the kitchen Peter Hallenbeck lay just at they had upset in their flight up to the garret. In the kitchen Peter Hallenbeck lay just at they had upset in their flight up to the garret. In the kitchen Peter Hallenbeck lay just at they had upset in their flight up to the garret. In the kitchen Peter Hallenbeck lay just at they had upset in their flight up to the garret. In the kitchen Peter Hallenbeck lay just at they had upset in their flight up to the garret. In the kitchen Peter Hallenbeck lay just at they had upset in their flight up to the garret. In the kitchen Peter Hallenbeck lay just at they had upset in their flight up to the garret. In the kitchen Peter Hallenbeck lay just at they had upset in their flight up to the garret. In the kitchen Peter Hallenbeck lay just at they had upset in their flight up to the garret. In the kitchen Peter Hallenbeck lay just at they had upset in their flight up to the garret. In the kitchen Peter Hal with revolvers. They shot him in the suffered much from their family and had been kind, foreclosed a mortgage on the farm owned by Mrs. Van Wormer, the stepmother of the boys, and dispossessed her, and the family moved to Kinderhook, twenty miles away. According to the Sheriff and the police who arrested the boys this dispossession supplied the motive for the terrible tragedy of Christmas eve. But the people of this part of the Hudson Valley recall that less than a year ago, when these same boys were threatened with prosecution for raids on a chicken yard at Linlithgo, Peter Hallenbeck had interceded for them, asserted their innocence most earnestly and had paid for the chickens to avoid all possibility of prosecution. Recalling these things, the people say that human ingratitude could not go so far and that the boys must be innocent.

In this hamlet of Greenport, four miles south of Hudson, Hallenbeck was looked up to as the leading man of the community. He was a farmer. He was prosperous. About the only particular in which he was not envied by his neighbors was in the second wife's relations. One of her sisters, the widow Van Wormer, had three step-sons, Bert, Fred and Willis. They were never meek and manageable and seldom industrious. Another sister, the wife of Jonas Bruce, had a boy, barely out of knickerbockers, who seemed all too much given to following in the ways of the Van Wormer boys. He is only 16 years old, but headstrong and reckless beyond his associates. His father, Jonas Bruce, is known and loved from Albany to Tivoli as "Jone" Bruce.

To-night, when Harvey Bruce was arrested with the three Van Wormer boys, Jonas Bruce divided the sympathy which was given to the mother and widow of Peter Hallenbeck. Everybody says that if the police are right in attributing a share in Hallenbeck's murder to Harvey, "Jone" Bruce will make his boy confess and will ell the authorities all he learns. "That," they say, "is the kind of a man Jone is." Almost everybody in Greenport went

last night to a Christmas tree celebrati on at the Greenport Church, which is about quarter of a mile from the Hallen-heck home. Charles Hallenbeck, Peter's brother, and Charles's wife and the hired man went with the rest of the town folks. They had been gone but a few minutes before Peter Hallenbeck, who was in the before Peter Hallenbeck, who was in the sitting room of the house with his wife and mother, heard voices in the road, which runs within a few feet of the front of the house. He looked out of the window. The moon was shining brightly. The reflected light from the snow which lay on the ground after Monday's storm, made everything light and clear. "Look here," called Peter to his women folk. The women went to the window and stood The women went to the window and stood were four men. They Their overcoats were turned in-and the broadly checked linings and the broadly checked linings made them seem grotesquely like the, costumes of the barn-storming actors vio sometimes come to Hudson to portray "I'm afraid they mean mischief, Peter," eald Mrs. Hallenbeck. "What are they rigged out that way for."

"Chickens, most likely," replied Hallen-beck, laughing and turning to his seat by the lamp. "That's all they are, just plain chicken thieves. Though from the way they've fixed themselves a body might think they was out to rob a bank or kill

Mrs. Hallenbeck was afraid for their on chickens. It was only two weeks to that Hallenbeck's hired man, after he family had gone to bed, ran down thirs declairing that he had heard a revolver shot in the chicken barn. As he can out into the back yard everybody the house heard a shot. No traces of the thirtyes were found afterward, but be hired man said he was sure he had seen a masked man dodge behind the barn and that a bullet had whitzed past his ear. Peter Hallenbeck said that he wasn't ofraid that the thieves would nother his chickens when there were lights in the second rooms and in the kitches, but he sease twey sorry that he had stayed bears from the thristmas tree at the church was going to stay up now he said, til the folks got home and have some-iv neep a watch the rest of the night

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ASSASSINATED AT HIS DOOR.

FARMER P. A. HALLENBECK SHOT
DOWN BY MASKED MEN.

Was Called to His Door by Knocks on the
Outside and When He Appeared He
Was Fired Upon—Several Shots Afterward Fired Into His Body—Four
Young Men Locked Up in Hudson Jali.

GREENFORT, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Four masked

up a ladder into the garret and hid in a dark corner under the roof. They listened with strained ears, smothering their sobs by stuffing their skirts into their mouths, for the sounds of pursuit. They did not reasoure to them a long, long time, they heard a wagon going away from the house over the road. But that did not reasoure them.

They were afraid that it was merely some neighbors passing, ignorant of the fact that those within the comfortable looking house with the lighted windows were in imminent danger of death. Then, again, they were afraid that the murderers were moving the wagon in order to lure

were moving the wagon in order to lure the women from their hiding place. But after an hour or more the two ventured down the stairs. There was no sign of any intruders except the rocking chair, which they themselves had upset in their flight up to the gerret.

an uproar, the store was opened and some-body telephoned to Coroner E. H. Lick in Hudson. The Coroner notified Chief of Police Lane of Hudson and Sheriff Henry J. Beet. The Sheriff and the chief always

Police Lane of Hudson and Sherin Henry J. Beet. The Sheriff and the chief always work together in such emergencies as these, and they combined their forces.

It was half past 9 o'clock when word reached Hudson of the murder. By 10 o'clock the Sheriff and the chief had decided that it was well to ask the police of Kinderhook to find out whether the Van Wormer boys were at home and in bed, as they ought to be at that time of night. The message was sent over the telephone, and within half an hour word came back that none of the boys was at home and that nobody in Kinderbook knew where they were, except that two of them had hired a horse and a two-seated wagon early in the afternoon. The Sheriff and the chief went down to Greenport then and studied the scene over. They found that a wagon had been driven up into Hallenbeck's lane and had been tied to the fence. Four men from the wagon had crossed the fence to the back doer and had then returned to the wagon. The had crossed the fence to the back doer and had then returned to the wagon. The wagon had not returned by the way it came, but had gone down the Catskill Station road. A neighbor of the name of Elting told the Sheriff that he had heard revolver shots before 8 o'clock and that a little later four men had passed his place in a wagon. They were very quiet and all were masked.

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There was no progress made in the case until late this morning, when the Kinderhook police reported that the Van Wormer boys and young Harvey Bruce, who had also been missing, were at home again. Deputy Sheriff Butts and Policeman Martin were act, to Kinderhook to get them and were sent to Kinderhook to get them and brought them down to Hudson on the 7 o'clock trolley car from Albany. The news of their arrest was around town by the suspects, and to make some sort of demonstration against them, but the po-lice had slipped the prisoners in the back

way. Sheriff Best gave out a statement to-night in which he said that the boys all denied any knowledge of the murder. Bert and Harvey Bruce said that they had been out driving around the country celebrating, and that they had done nothing wrong and had not been near Greenport. The other two said that they had been in Kinderhook all day yesterday and last night, and that they could prove it When Mrs. Van Wormer found what her boys were accused of, she supported their statements. But she had already told the police, much to her later confusion, that the boys had spent the forenoon about the house cleaning their revolvers. The police found three revolvers. One of them was borrowed yesterday from a Kinderhook neighbor. Two of them were 22 calibre weapons and one was a 38 calibre. The twelve bullets found in Hallenbeck's body and in the walls of the kitchen were all of

the one calibre or the other.

On their way to jall, Willis Van Wormer, who was sitting next to Policeman Martin, became communicative. "I'll tell you one thing." he said to Martin; "we got that "Cut it out!" interrupted his brother

Fred, who was sitting on the other side of the policeman. "Cut it out! You'll get plenty of chance to talk after awhile." Willis relapsed into slience and nothing more was said by any of them. The Sheriff and the Chief of Police and the Coroner are all confident, however, that Harvey Bruce will be a valuable source of information after a day or so. They took the shoes of all four prisoners to-night and came down to fit them into the tracks in the Hallenbeck vard.

From this evidence and other indications they are inclined to think that Bruce stayed behind the rest to look out for the horse and that he was the one who did not rush into the house to finish the killing of his uncle, although the four sets of tracks indi-

uncle, although the four sets of tracks indicate that he went as far as the door with
the rest. By the direction of the Caroner,
Bruce was separated from the large room
in the jail in which the other prisoners
were confined, all of them out of whispering distance from one another, and was
put into the prison hospital.

They were dressed more like the youth
of New York's Tendericin than like country
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RACE RIOT UP IN HARLEM

WHITE MAN SHOT, SEVERAL BAD-LY HURT; 21 NEGRO PRISONERS.

Row Started Over the Harrying of an Old Black by Small Boys-Men Joined in It and Bullets and Bricks Flew for Half an Hour - Death in It for One Man.

A race riot or something very like it raged for nearly an hour yesterday afternoon in "Carmelsville," as West 130th street between Broadway and Manhattan street is called and as a result four white men went to the hospital instead of having their Christmas fun and twenty-one negroes were arrested. One of the white men is believed to be mortally injured. For half an hour at the scene of the riot the air was full of stones, bricks and other missiles. The police say that the negroes fired thirty shots. Only one white man was hit.

For several years the Carmelsville tenements have been occupied principally by negroes, but this was the first serious trouble of the sort that has occurred there. Like the race riots in Hell's Kitchen of two years ago it grew out of a small beginning. The police had been expecting it, they say, and the celerity with which the row was stopped made Inspector Kane praised with some warmth the bluecoats of Capt. Hogan's West 125th street station.

According to what the police could learn some small white boys were amusing themselves in 130th street near Broadway at 2 o'clock vesterday afternoon by following and annoying an old negro whose Christman cheer had made his gait unsteady. Three Irishmen, according to the police version of the trouble, were walking through the street. They were John Garraty of 2340 Old Broadway, John McHale of 1464 Amsterdam avenue, and Nicholas Maher of 3230 Broadway. These three men did something to the negro-just what the police didn't learn. Gerraty, McHale and Maher say they took the negro's side and tried to stop the boys from annoving him. The negroes who live in the neighborhood say that the three not only egged the boys on, but took a hand in badgering the old man.

At any rate, there was trouble immediately. A crowd of negroes swarmed out of the low and high tenements and with a roar closed in on the whites. A brick hit Gerraty on the back of his head and he went down like a log and lay senseless until the police got there. McHale and Maher stood their ground, probably because they couldn't very well get away, and called for help. Twenty white men answered their call, but there were a hundred negroes against them. Then the missiles began to fly. Next, some of the negroes who had revolvers began firing.

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Most of the shooting, according to the police, was done by Burley May, Wallace Bird and Jacob Davis, all negroes. One bullet hit Maher in the back, piercing his kidneys. He fell and then a negro slashed McHale's face with a razor until the skin hung in ribbons.

Meanwhile somebody had gone to the West 125th street police station and had teld Sergt. Crowley what was going on. Luckily, a reserve section of twelve men was in the back room and these were sent to the riot on the double quick, under command of Roundsman McGloin. But several policemen from posts nearby had got there mand of Roundsman McGloin. But several policemen from posts nearby had got there before the reserves and at the first sight of the bluecoats and brass buttons the negroes scurried to cover. Most of them fled to the roofs of the houses, and from those points which down bricks which they ripped from the chimneys.

The police brought down under arrest every negro they could find on the roofs. They took eighteen prisoners in all then. A

They took eighteen prisoners in all then. A dozen of them were started to the station with Policeman Collins and another bluecoat. On the way one big negro seized a balestick and aimed a blow at Collins which would have mashed his skull as easily as a ripe pumpkin if it had landed where he aimed it. It didn't hit Collins's head because John Whalen, a stableman, 70 years old, grabbed at the stick. Collins's arm was badly bruised as it was, and a second later somebody hit old Whalen on the head with a brick. Other policemen came to the aid of Collins and his partner d stopped the disturbance. Two ambulances were called and Maher.

Two ambulances were called and Maher. McHaie, Gerraty and Whalen were taken to the J. Hood Wright Hospital. The negroes, Burley May and Wallace Bird, were captured. Both had revolvers with the chambers empty. Davis, the negro who is supposed to have done some of the sheeting with them, got away for the time. The police say that May and Bird are

shooting with them, got away for the time. The police say that May and Bird are pretty tough citizens. Late last night Detectives Connelly and Neil arrested Davis, John P Perry and John Bolden, all negroes. Either Davis or May, they said then, fired the shot that wounded Maher.

A leature of the work of the police was the fact that none of the eighteen negroprisoners who were locked up here any signs of having been clubbed. What happened to other negroes who got away is not known. It was said that several of them had been injured before the police got the

had been injured before the police got to the riot. Several white men who were hart were taken away by friends.

One negro who fid at the arrival of the police ran into P B Mayer's drug store at 189th street and Amsterdam average with a crowd of white men at his back. Mayer closed his frost door in the faces of the pursuers and emuggled the negro out by a back door. At 9 o'clock last night Maher's condition was so serious that a Coroner was called to take his as to-mortem statement.

He Will He Appointed to Succeed Secretary of the Treasury Laman & trage.

WARRINGTON, Dec. 25 - It was off-inly announced at the White House this afteron that Gov Levile ht Shaw of love ad accepted the heoretaryship of the Tremenry and that he would be approved to approved Lymma of finger. It were to their accessions defined for the second Lymma of finger in the Lower accessions defined for the fine state of the finite second remains a mention of the finite state of the finite of the second in about First. I is to the general belief over that he became any of the heavy Lengt will be seen that he constructed and the second to the secon consists of inter relief and find this is the installed things continues in President Recomments for failured to the first being the automatical file interaction of accepting the Recommentation of the President to be Recommended file acceptance and the President to the Economical Recommend for the Acceptance and the Acceptance file acceptance and the American the approximate promition than the first president of Acceptance which is a position of Acceptance Whitehalt the acceptance for the position of Acceptance Whitehalt is for the formation of Acceptance and the position of Acceptance Whitehalt committee for the formation of the place. He was social information of the place file was social information to be considered to the formation of a constitution the place and the formation of a constitution they are successful to be accept the fact and the second of the formation the place and the second of the fact and the second of the second of the fact and the second of oner of leter retire, good tight this to the

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CUBANS STONE GEN. GOMEZ. Furn Against Old Leader in First Politi cal Campaign.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN HAVANA, Dec. 25.—The official organs are protesting against the behavior of the crowd at Puerto Principe which hissed Gen. Maximo Gomez, called him a traitor. threw stones at him and broke up a meeting at which he was to speak. Gen. Gomez wanted to leave the city at once, but the meeting was held later.

Gen. Gomez has visited the Province of Santa Clara, where he spoke in favor of the candidacy of Tomas Estrada Palma. The official organs say that his visit was a great success, while the papers supporting Gen. Maso declare that it was a failure They add that Gomez is a vulgar elector, an agent salaried by the Government and that he has served under four flags.

The Havana Sun, an American paper published here, prints a strong editorial saying that Gen. Maso probably represents two-thirds of the people of Cuba. It adds that Maso was compelled to withdraw from the campaign owing to fraud and unfair conditions. The Government should disprove that there is fraud or rectify it if it exists.

The official organs, which have been inconsistent, have tried to persuade the Maso element not to withdraw entirely from the election as their total withdrawal might provoke a disturbance. The Masoists, however, insist that they will take no part whatever in the elections.

Supporters of Gen. Maso, who leaves for Manzanillo to-morrow, proposed to hold a demonstration in his honor this evening. A crowd numbering about 1,500, carrying torches, had a so-called parade, but the affair generally was a fizzle.

MAILED A BABY ROY.

Walf Found Among Christmas Presents in a Post Office Sub-Station

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 25.—The Post Office employees at the Union Station sub-station found a strange package among the Christmas packages when they came to assort them at midnight last night for the waiting trains in the station. All the offices were crowded yesterday and many packages were posted at the sub-station. When the employees came to assort them they found a basket on which there was no address and no stamp, and none of the men could remember taking it in. Examination showed that it was covered over with linen. When turned to one side a small bottle of milk fell out. This led to the opening of the basket, and a boy baby, probably a week old, was found neatly wrapped up in flannels and sleeping soundly. Another bottle of milk was found in the basket.

The police were called and took charge of the infant, but the Post Office employees are at a loss to know how it got into the office. It is supposed, though, that the mother put it through the window or quietly entered the room while the men were busy and deposited the basket with the packages, which were piled in a heap on the floor. The station police say they saw a woman near the sub-station just before the basket was found, but nothing about her attracted particular attention.

ONLY FOUR KINDS OF BOYS. Archie Roosevelt's Reply to a Grand Dame

Who Quizzed Him on the Subject. WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.-Archie Roosevelt, the President's second son, unwittingly administered something of a rebuke to the aristocratic tendencies of one grand dame of Washington, who happened to be calling at the house of one of his schoolmates while he was there. Upon being told that young Archie was the son of the President and that he attended the public school, the aristocratic visitor began plying him with questions as to his studies, all of which he answered in a straight- avoid forward way. Then, after asking him about his fellow pupils, she wanted to know if he did not find that many of the boys at the public school were rough and common. Archie's reply left no doubt as to his views on the subject of boys.

"My papa says," he spoke up emphatically, "that there are tall boys and short boys and good boys and bad boys, and those are the only kinds of boys there are." Archie apparently joined the last class woo days before the holiday recess. For ome infraction of the rules he was detained by the teacher half an hour after the others by the teacher half an hour after the Presi. two days before the holiday recess. For some infraction of the rules he was detained by the teacher half an hour after the others ere dismissed. The fact that the President's son was "kept in" occasioned much merriment among his fellows.

SHE DARED DERISION.

For a Wager Miss Carroli Paraded in Public With an Oddly-Dressed Man-

At his side walked a young woman in ordimany street costume. A short distance behind them came two young men at the head of about two hundred boys.

fifth etreet and his companion Annie Car-roll who have in East Thirty-fifth street one of the young men just behind them was Relact Ross. On Christians eve they all met at a party at Miss Carroll's bonne. all met at a party at Misse Carroll's home. Luring a conversation they discussed a lost which a Western man had made with his far-size that she would not walk a mile to the street decased in matric circles. Hope declars, I at Fox would not have sails through the streets in the constant which he work sart night. Fox said he would and Rose wagered a case of while that he would not have wagered a case of while that he

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BELMONT WILL SUE CROKER

FOR LIBEL; AND CROKER SAYS: "LET HIM GO AHEAD AND SUE."

'If Somebody Hadn't Interfered Grand Jury Would Have Interfered." He Says of Belmont's Nomination-"That Means I Bought It," Says Belmont.

The Hon. Perry Belmont promises to sue the Hon. Richard Croker for libel. "Let him go ahead and sue," says the

Hon. Richard Croker. All this is the result of Mr. Croker's unfortunate absence in Indiana when the Seventh district Democrats were trying to nominate a man for Congress. They have nominated four men, Tammany contributing two, Mr. Belmont and Councilman O'Grady. The Republicans are content with one, Montague Lessler.

Mr. Belmont said on Tuesday that Mr. Croker did not tell the truth in saying that he had not interfered in the selection of a candidate. Mr. Belmont added that he himself was not Mr. Croker's candidate and didn't want to be.

Mr. Croker rejoined separately yesterday to these allegations as follows:

(1)-"All I have to say is that the only interfering I did was for Mr. Belmont's own good. If somebody had not interfered the Grand Jury would have interfered." (2)-"The statement [that Mr. Belmont didn't want to be Mr. Croker's candi-

datel is not true. Belmont has been here [the Club] a hundred times to see me and he dare not deny it. He wanted my support the worst way. He was here morning, never so bothered by a man in my life." Upon reading these things in the evening

papers yesterday Mr. Belmont replied: "Mr. Croker's statement that he had interfered for my good and that if he had not interfered the Grand Jury would, is of such character it requires positive, un-

mistakable answer. *In the first place, the vague charge about the Grand Jury must be the same charge contained in an evening newspaper of yesterday that I had obtained my nomination by the use of money. On account of that statement I have brought a suit for libel. There is more excuse for a newspaper printing general gossip, even if it is unfounded and of a libellous nature than there is for Mr. Croker at the head of a great political organization, and if he will confirm the statement contained in the evening papers I shall institute proceedings for libel against

him personally.
"Mr. Croker's statement 'that he saw me over one hundred times, morning, noon and night; never so bothered by a man in my life, is as false as the statement that he had not interfered against me politically. I visited the Democratic Club altogether three times at long intervals. My purpose was not to ask for his support, which I could not under any circumstances have expected owing to my relations with him could not under any circumstances have expected, owing to my relations with him. My relations with him. My relations with Mr. Croker, as is well known, have long been strained, because as a Democrat I have not approved of his course as the Tammany leader. Neverthelese, I recognize him as a Democrat in a position of authority in the party councils of New York city. My purpose was to assure myself that what he had told me and what he had told my fribads in regard to his non-interference was true, and that he would maintain that position. Several things had come to my knowledge which made me suspect his good faith. which made me suspect his good faith. The reason why I was willing to meet him at all upon this matter was because when Mr. Muller informed me as a member of the State Committee that he would resign, and it was suggested to me to be his successor, I could not accept Mr. Muller's support and that of his delegation had I not been assured of Mr. Croker's non-interference, for there was every reason to expect his active opposition. As a Democrat I naturally desired to have harmony of Democratic action in any nomination, and being assured of the support of the Richmond county delegation in the convention I hoped to avoid opposition from any Democrat organization in Manhattan. With this obje in view I conferred with Mr. Croker, I repeat, not for the purpose of securing his support, but in order that I might be assured that he would take no active part in oppo-sition to my nomination, as I felt that i was not worth while to precipitate a conresult in the defeat of the Democratic troversy over the nomination which might

nominee."

Mr. Croker, on hearing that Belmont would sue him for livel upon due authentication of Mr. Croker's statement marked

can get any satisfaction out of that he is welcome to it. If he wants to sue for libel on that, all I've got to say is let him go

When Mr. Croker was told that Mr. Rel-most deried chasing after him a hundred times, eaying that it was only three times.

Croker said: Why, he was here a hundred times. A young man wearing a tall funnelshapest purple paper hat, a glaring red tie
and a white duck suit walked up Second
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A Continuous Line of Towns and Cities

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Peculiar Way at Akron, Ohio. AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 25 .- David P. Wheeler, a banker and capitalist of this city, was killed by electricity this afternoon. He had been at the Citizens' National Bank, of which he was cashier, with Jacob Koch, a director, examining some correspondence

Mr. Koch left after they had concluded their business, and Mr. Wheeler went to the vault to lock it up. In one hand he held an electric bulb on a long wire, and with the other grasped the handle of the steel door. The coating on the wire had been rubbed off, and owing to a crossed

wire the light wire was heavily charged. A circuit being formed with the steel vault, the shock was sufficient to produce instant death. Mr. Wheeler, not returning to dinner, his son Willard set out to find him. Entering the bank, he found his father standing upright, leaning against the vault. His right hand grasped the knob of the door, but three fingers of his right hand had been burned off. Mr. Wheeler was 53 years old, and leaves a wife, one son and one daughter.

STRUCK A HERD OF CATTLE. Engineer Pulled Throttle Open and Brought

His Train Through Safely. MATTOON, Ill., Dec. 25.—Several hundred passengers on the Southwestern Limited. a fast Big Four train, yesterday had an escape from death that was little short of miraculous. They owe their lives to Engineer William White. While running at a speed of sixty miles an hour near Kansas, Edgar county, White saw on the track peop and night. Why, he nearly bothered ahead a herd of 200 cattle. To stop the me to death about his candidacy. I was train was impossible, so he pulled the

throttle wide open. The momentum of the train enabled it to plow its way through the herd without leaving the track. The pilot and front of the engine and the steps of the eight coaches were torn off. Ten animals were killed and the train was covered with blood, but not a passenger was injured:

When the danger was past Engineer White slowed down and brought his disabled engine to this city, where he got a new one.

Bridesmald and Groomsman Attached to the Mayor's Office in Binghamton. BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 25 .- A bridesmaid and a groomsman are now numbered among the attaches of the Meyor's office | Dr. Doyen Announces a Discovery That in this city, and they are kept busy acting in their capacities and signing marriage certificates. Binghamton has become a Gretna Green for eloping Pennsylvania couples, and those who do not wish to go to the trouble of procuring a marriage license flock here. Heretofore it has been necessary when a couple applied for the marriage ceremony to hunt up witnesses, but now Joseph Mangan acts as groomsman and Miss Amelia Pugh as bridesmaid, lations. When examined at the end of The innovation, while a novel one, has proved very convenient and is found to give satisfaction to the brides and grooms as well as to the Mayor.

SHREVEPORT FIRE-STRICKEN. Alarms Came In by the Dozen-Insurance Companies Quit the Field.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 25 .- Still another severe fire started in Shreveport early this morning, completely destroying the furniture establishment of Jackson Bros., on periments are conclusive, but says that port is becoming serious. Six fire alarms to continue his experiments. were sounded yesterday. Up to Sunday night nine slarms had been sounded for STATE TREASURER SWAIN DEAD. as many fires in for y-eight hours. More than forty insurance companies have withdrawn from the Shreveport field altogether and more threaten to follow unless con ditions improve. Duilding reforms and improved fire apparatus have been promised by the City Council.

OUEEN ALEXANDRA BETTER. Sends Gifts to Children's Hospital, Addressed in Her Own Rand.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 25.-Queen Alexandra is making favorable progress toward recovery. Dr. Laking visited her to-day.

Notwithstanding her indisposition her her Majesty sent a Christmas present to each patient in the Cheyne Hospital for incurable children. She herself addressed the parcel 'For my little children of

Chevne Hospital." There was a private service to-day in the chapel at Marlborough House. The King and Princess Victoria were present.

. A. SCOTT KILLS HIMSELF. Noted Out of His Place by & Trust, He HAWTREY LOST A MATCHROX. Takes His Life.

DAYTON, Ohio, Dec. 25 William A Scott committed spicide at his home, in Dayton View, to-day. He was Secretary of the Stoddard Manufacturing Company and had been a member of the firm for twenty-nine years. Recently the comparty pointed the trust which manufactures agricultural implements. The younger attachnicing voted beatt out of the acce-tarychip. It was asserted that the stoop rarychip. If was asserted that the strong that not pay divisionals, and Mr. Scott countred not sell six stock. He worried ever his treatment and to-day at his honse in the Inscitationable part of the city, while lying an his test face devieward, he shot impositivough the hoad.

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COUNTESS CASTIGLIONE'S MAID UNDER ARREST.

Her Late Mistress's Correspondence With Victor Emmanuel, Napoleon III. and Cavour Discovered in Her Room-Reveals Scerets-More Arrests Likely

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN ROME, Dec. 25.-Angelica Vergazzola, who was lady's maid to the late Counter

Castiglione, has been arrested at Spezzia. Her residence was searched by the police and voluminous private correspondence between Countess Castiglione and Napoleon III., King Victor Emmanuel and Cavour was discovered. The letters are of great historic interest, revealing many

secrets. An ivory crucifix worth 15,000 france choice Sevres vases and costly jewels were also found. Other arrests are imminent

PLENTY OF DIAMONDS LEFT. De Beers Company's Statement -Cecil Rhodes's Sacrifice.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN KIMBERLEY, Dec. 25 .- At a meeting of the shareholders of the De Beers Mining Company the chairman stated that the De Beers and Kimberley mines had been in full swing for thirty-two years, and were now producing diamonds to the value \$3,500,000 annually. The company's three mines at Dut itspan, Bultfontcin and Premier had four a. d a half times the area of the other two and had been little worked thus far. If the De Beers and Kimberley mines were worked out the company would still be able to maintain its output for 144

years. The company was now getting a better price for diamonds and as soon as normal conditions returned the profits would considerably increase. He added that the stock of rough diamonds in London was never lower than now.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes wrote agreeing to & proposal to capitalize his life governorship interest in order to avoid friction between himself and the shareholders, but he said READY FOR ELOPING COUPLES. it was a heavy sacrifice which he had wished was stated that the shareholders' annual profits amounted to £100,000.

NEW MICROBE IN CANCERS.

May Lead to a Cure. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Paris, Dec. 25.-Dr. Doyen, a leading surgeon, has announced in a lecture that he observed in cancerous tumors a new microbe which he calls micrococcus neoformans. Dr. Doyen as long ago at 1887 noticed in cancerous juices certain diplococci and small chains that were with difficulty distinguished from cellular granutwo or three months he found these as

active as when in the tumor. Experimenting with the new microbe Dr. Doyen found that he was able to reproduce cancer. Later by subcutaneous injection of a sterilized solution of toxines derived from the new microbe he succeeded in producing in cancerous pa-tients a reaction resembling the effects produced in tuberculosis subjects by Prof. Koch's tuberculine, that is, tending to pre-vent a return of the cancerous growth. Dr. Deven does not assert that his exhas been most satisfactory. He proposes

Necessity of Appointing a Temporary

Successor at Once. George B. Swain, State Treasurer of New Jersey, died at his home in Newark vesterday afternoon of apoplexy. He was born in Warren county in March 6, 1835, and went to Newark to become a lumber clerk in 1853; afterward starting the firm of Swain & Jones He served on the Board of Educa-tion twelve years and was afterward trustee of the City Home for unruly boys and of the

of the City Home for unruly boys and of the State Reform School. In 1894 he was elected State Treasurer at a joint meeting of the Legislature. Mr. Swain leaves a wife, two sons and three daughters.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 25.—Both Gov., Voorbees and Comptroller Hancock regard the immediate appointment of a Treasurer ad interim as imperative, and the Governor said he would name some one to-morrow. The Comptroller said the State has now nearly \$2,900.000 in bank which is without any legal custodian, and as a consequence any legal custodian, and as a consequence all financial transactions of the State are temporarily stopped, and money can neither be received not disbursed. The office of State Treasurer is peculiar in this respect, there being to deputy as in the case of most other State officials

Actor Tells the Police That Maybe Somebody Robbed Him.

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